

Thanksgiving
Day
Prayer.

A THANKSGIVING PRAYER

(Officially endorsed by the Interchurch World Movement of North America for use in the churches of all Protestant denominations participating in the Movement).

Almighty God, Who in earlier days led our fathers forth into a large inheritance, give us grace, we humbly beseech Thee to pass through these days of unrest and turmoil in confidence and courage that what has been so well begun will come to rich completeness.

Bless our land with the fruits of honest toil. Save us from the discord which misunderstanding brings. Keep our feet in the path of righteousness. Teach us to love liberty and justice and to practice them to the upbuilding of the entire world as well as our own native land. Fashion into one people the multitudes brought hither out of many countries and make them true Americans.

Give us grateful hearts for the abundant harvests of the year. In the time of our prosperity temper our self-confidence with the recollection that "every good and every perfect gift is from above". Let no anxiety rob us of the consciousness of Thine abiding love. In the day of trouble suffer not our trust in Thee to fail. Be patient with us when our purposes break down or our endeavors seem of no avail.

Go with us into Thanksgiving Day. Teach us to give thanks for all the blessings of the time, to dread nothing but the loss of Thee and to perceive the sun of Thine enduring love forever shining behind every cloud.

Bless us all at the Thanksgiving Board. Be with those who cannot be with us as well as those who can. Make us, wherever we may be, one in that unity of hope and faith and love which neither time nor distance can destroy. And send us forth into the future with Thanksgiving faces and Thanksgiving hearts- eager to labor, strong to endure, and useful to the land we love. Amen.